



## Texas Department of Insurance

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## Memorandum

**To:** Workers' Compensation System Participants

**From:** David G. Davis, M.D., Medical Advisor

**Date:** December 17, 2013

**Subject:** DWC Finalizes the Medical Quality Review CY 2014 Annual Audit Plan

On November 8, 2013 the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) solicited and received input from workers' compensation system participants regarding the categories for the Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Medical Quality Review Annual Audit Plan (Audit Plan). All comments were carefully considered and discussed. The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon approved the CY 2014 Annual Plan on December 17, 2013.

The Annual Plan sets the priorities for what types of audits the Medical Quality Review Panel (MQRP) will focus on for the next year as laid out in Section IV of the Annual Plan. At a future date, the DWC will obtain system participants input on the development of each individual plan-based audit proposal for categories within the Annual Plan. At that time the DWC will post a plan-based audit that includes:

- inclusion and exclusion criteria;
- service time frame to be audited;
- sample size; and
- subject and case file selection.

The DWC is currently working on finalizing the *Legacy Claims Pain Management Plan-Based Audit* which is one of the categories from the CY 2013 Annual Audit Plan.

All medical quality reviews initiated on or after January 1, 2013 will be performed in accordance with the approved medical quality review process (Process). The Process and Annual Plan, including any changes, are posted on the Texas Department of Insurance website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/hcprovider/medadvisor.html#comprev>.

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